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CIGAR CUTTERS.

A NOTE REGARDING THE POSSIBLE DANGER OF THEIR USE IN COMMON.

The attention of the bureau has been invited to the danger of the spread of disease through the automatic cigar cutter which one finds so commonly on the counters of cigar stores, drug stores, and other places where cigars are sold. It is a habit among many cigar smokers on purchasing a cigar to place it between their lips while paying for the purchase, the smoker then putting the moist end of the cigar in the cutter. This would seem to be a very effective method of bringing about the interchange of mouth secretions, and possibly the spread of infection. It is suggested that the use of such automatic cigar clippers should be avoided by the public because of the possibility that disease may be spread by them by reason of the nature and manner of their use.

BIOLOGICAL PRODUCTS.

ESTABLISHMENTS LICENSED FOR THE PROPAGATION AND SALE OF VIRUSES, SERUMS, TOXINS, AND ANALOGOUS PRODUCTS.

The following table contains a list of the establishments holding, on July 1, 1913, licenses issued by the Treasury Department in accordance with the act of Congress approved July 1, 1902, entitled "An act to regulate the sale of viruses, serums, toxins, and analogous products in the District of Columbia, to regulate interstate traffic in said articles, and for other purposes."

The number of the license of each firm is also given, together with the names of the several products for which licenses have been granted.

No. of license.	Establishments.	Products.
1	Parke, Davis & Co., Detroit, Mich.	Diphtheria antitoxin, antigonococcic serum, antimeningococcic serum, antistreptococcic serum, antitetanic serum, antitubercle serum, tuberculins, bacterial vaccines, erysipelas and prodigiousus toxins, antirabic virus, vaccine virus, and modified bacterial derivatives (Schafer).